

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1361–S1437

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 375–390, and S. Con. Res. 12–13. **Pages S1413–14**

Measures Passed:

Honoring the American Society of Mechanical Engineers: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 13, congratulating ASME on their 125th anniversary, celebrating the achievements of ASME members, and expressing the gratitude of the American people for ASME's contributions. **Pages S1435–36**

Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security. **Pages S1369–87, S1437**

Nazi War Crimes Working Group Extension Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, Senate begin consideration of S. 384, a bill to extend the existence of the Nazi War Crimes Working Group; that there be 90 minutes of debate equally divided between the Majority Leader, or his designee, and the Democratic Leader, or his designee; that there be no amendments in order, and that following the use, or yielding back of time, the Senate vote on final passage. **Page S1436**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lester M. Crawford, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army. **Pages S1436–37**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S1412**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S1411–12**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S1435**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S1435**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—10) **Page S1387**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 5:45 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 16, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1436.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine priorities and plans for the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy (DOE) and to review the President's budget request for fiscal year 2006 for atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration, focusing on the Administration's priorities for nuclear weapons, threat reduction programs, and DOE's environmental clean-up program, after receiving testimony from Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Buddie J. Penn, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who was introduced by former Senator Symms, and the following named officer for appointment in the United